

when in doubt, interpreted in light of what is taught in the specification, it is clear that the "ribbon" as recited by Applicant is not equivalent to a bar graph as taught by Yokoyama et al. The bar graph of Yokoyama et al provides separate vertical bars spaced horizontally across a display region, not "stripes" on a "ribbon". "Stripes" by implication are contiguous to each other -- "a line or long narrow section differing in color or texture from parts adjoining" (Webster's *op. cit.*). Any person of ordinary skill in the art would not mistake the bar graph of Yokoyama et al as a "ribbon", or the "ribbon" recited by Applicant as a bar graph. Applicant could amend claim 1 to recite "a status ribbon *having a length and a narrow width and* having a plurality of stripes *extending across the narrow width thereof*", but does not deem it to be necessary since the ordinary meaning of "ribbon" already encompasses this language. Therefore claim 1 and claims 2-7, 10 and 11 dependent therefrom are deemed to be allowable as being neither anticipated nor rendered obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art by Yokoyama et al.

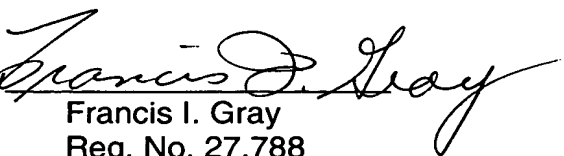
In view of the above remarks allowance of claims 1-8 and 10-13 is urged, and such action and the issuance of this case are requested.

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